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**Adjustments to the outpatient hospital and ambulatory surgical center services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to changes in Medicare payment system posted on the DWC Web site**

The Division of Workers' Compensation has posted an adjustment to the outpatient hospital departments and ambulatory surgical centers section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1.

The effective date of the changes will be March 1, 2009. Title 8, California Code of Regulations section 9789.31 is adjusted to conform to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) 2009 hospital outpatient prospective payment system (HOPPS) correction notice to the final rule of Nov. 18, 2008, published on Jan. 26, 2009, in the Federal Register. CMS' correction notice fixes technical errors that appeared in the CMS final rule published in the Federal Register on Nov. 18, 2008.

The effective date of the changes are March 1, 2009, and supersede the adjustment to 8 CCR section 9789.31 made by the Order of the acting administrative director dated Jan. 26, 2009. The adjustments can be found at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>.

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